(a) whether it is a fact that Government is of opinion that recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai, Gujarat and Delhi are attributed to intelligence failure; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any corrective measure against such intelligence failure in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Central and State intelligence and security agencies work in close coordination, including regular sharing of information and intelligence. As a result, a large number of terrorist modules have been busted and possible major terrorist incidents averted.

Focused attention is been given to the strengthening of the intelligence apparatus both at the Centre as well as at the level of the State Governments, which *interalia,* includes qualitative upgradation and quantitative enhancement of manpower, besides initiatives on research and technology. In order to give the requisite attention to strengthening of the State Special branches, the State Governments had been earlier advised to earmark at least 5% of their annual allocations under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF) for this purpose. Recently, it has been decided to launch a separate Sub Scheme for this purpose under the MPF. At the operational level, there has been regular sharing of intelligence inputs by the agencies of the Centre with the States and various mechanisms have been put in place for this purpose. Particular attention is being given to pro-active coordination with the State Governments and agencies.

Rescue operation by NDMA in Bihar

547. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the manpower, helicopters, mechanized boats and other equipments needed for the rescue of flood affected population that were available with National Disaster Management Authority as on 1st August, 2008;

(b) the number of persons rescued by the Authority in Bihar during August/September and the extent of food and potable water made available for flood victims during the period; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on those operations and how much time was taken by the authority to spring into action after it was informed by State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has informed that as on 1st August, 2008, seven NDRF Battalions and 36 BAUT (Boats Automatic Universal Type) were available with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). However, 855 NDRF personnel with 160 Boats including 94 NDRF Inflatable Mechanized/ BAUT procured during August, 2008 as well as received from CPMFs were deployed for flood rescue operation in Bihar. Helicopters and other air support were provided by Indian Air Force on need basis.

(b) A total of 1,02,125 (One lakh two thousand one hundred twenty five) persons/ victims were rescued by NDRF personnel during August/ September, 2008, whereas 4,19,800 (Four lakh nineteen thousands eight hundred) potable/ mineral water bottles were made available to Government of Bihar by NDMA for victims of flood during the period.

(c) No expenditure was incurred by NDMA on providing flood relief operations in Bihar. However, bills on account of airlift for Rs.1.07 crore (Rupees One crore seven lakh) and procuring of 4,19,800 potable/ mineral water bottles for Rs.36,85,525/- (Rupees Thirty six lakh eighty five thousand five hundred twenty five) received from Air Hqrs New Delhi and suppliers of potable/ mineral water bottles respectively are being sent to Government of Bihar for payment.

The personnel of NDRF Bn with available boats swung into action within two hours of receipt of telephonic message followed by a fax message from Government of Bihar on 20th August 2008.

Terrorist Organisations responsible for recent blasts

548. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives and were injured during serial bomb blasts in Bangalore on 25/7/08, Ahmedabad on 26/7/08, and Delhi on 13th and 27th September 2008, respectively;

(b) the terrorist organizations responsible for these blasts, and whether terrorists have so far been apprehended and the organization to which they belong; and

(c) whether any special law is proposed to tackle such terrorist activities effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, 1 person was killed and 11 injured in the serial bomb blasts in Bengaluru on 25.7.2008; 56 persons were killed and 260 injured in serial bomb blasts in Ahmedabad on 26.7.2008; 26 persons were killed and 133 injured in the serial bomb blasts in Delhi on 13.9.2008; and 3 persons were killed and 22 injured in bomb blast that occurred in Delhi on 27.9.2008.

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being a State subject, the investigations are conducted by the respective State agencies/police. According to available information, investigations in all these cases are underway, and it would be premature to disclose any details regarding the same.

(c) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 was amended in 2004 and various provisions were incorporated in it to deal with all aspects of terrorism, including financing of terrorism. Provisions also exist in various other statutes to deal with activities of terrorists and subversive elements, such as the National Security Act, Prevention of Money Laundering Act etc. The legal framework and related measures for dealing with terrorist activities are being reviewed on a continuing basis.

Assessment by Central Teams of Flood affected States

549. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the floods during this year has caused heavy damages and created havoc in many States particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of assessments made by the Central teams of the flood affected States;